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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to fully steady. No trading was reported. Interest to own product was light to moderate with most interest noted for deferred shipments. Offerings are limited and held with confidence. Parts and meats trading was light to moderate for the short to instances adequate offerings.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on thigh meat, tom drums and full-cut wings, balance slow. Demand was in a full range from light to good. Offerings were short to adequate.



**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 04, 2006**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF MAY 05, 2006	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	68.92	70.33	65.00
CENTRAL REGION	70.40 **	69.00	65.25
WESTERN REGION	70.50 **	69.60 **	67.50
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	69.00	70.50	66.20 **
CENTRAL REGION	70.50 **	69.80 **	65.80 **
WESTERN REGION	70.50 **	69.60 **	65.45

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	69-74
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	69-74
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	69-80

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	98-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	94-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	93-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	92-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	106-119

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of May 08, 2006

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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**PRICED AT TIME OF SALE**

8-16 lbs.	81.51	235,000
16-24 lbs.	79.75	20,000

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs.	--	5,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

Total Volume:	265,000
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**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 29-Apr-2006 (Preliminary)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG			AVG
		CHG	LIVE	OLD		LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	BANDED	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT
North East	827	12	24.26	(A)	829	24.26
South Atlantic	870	16	30.60	(A)	872	30.60
North Central	2,141	4	32.75	(A)	2,143	32.75
South Central	783	11	17.80	(A)	784	17.80
West	311	-5	27.23	(A)	312	27.23
U.S. total	4,932(B)	8	28.22	8	4,940	28.22
To-date						
2006	73,325(B)			99	73,424	
To-date						
2005	69,881(B)			59	69,940	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 34,000; for the current year to date 420,000; for last year to date 414,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

March	482,566*
April 1 - 29, 2006	418,037*

To date 2006	1,686,038*
To date 2005	1,658,215*

\* Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	Thousands				
W/E 29-Apr-2006					
Head	2,308	2,590	34	8	4,940
Avg Wt	17.39	37.95	22.93	27.02	28.22
Last week	2,043	2,469	57	2	4,571
Same wk yr ago	1,677	2,689	44	9	4,419
Avg Wt	16.54	37.71	22.07	31.46	29.51
To-date/2006	31,038	41,867	420	99	73,424
To-date/2005	26,484	42,983	414	59	69,940

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT.** INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 4 MAY 2006.

The market on tom 2-joint wings was steady to weak, balance of tom bulk parts steady at best. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of tom 2-joint wings was adequate to burdensome, balance of tom bulk parts adequate to instances ample. Trading light. Tom necks trade at 28.25 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	120.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	158.00		158.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	106.00	400
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	39.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	41.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	39.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	20.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	23.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	39.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	110.40	100
NECKS, TOM		W	30.00	80
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	171.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	186.00-191.00		187.33	240
THIGH MEAT		F	70.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	73.00		73.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	116.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	121.71	41
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	168.39	230
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	91.00	30
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	22.00-23.00		22.83	240
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	39.00	316
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	22.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	31.00	104
TAILS		F	37.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	20.00	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	67.11	144

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT.** INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 5 MAY 2006.

The market tone on white meat continued steady to instances firm. Demand moderate to good. Offerings short to instances adequate and mostly held with confidence. The market tone on 4-8 lb. breasts was steady to fully steady, institutional sized rib breasts at least steady. Demand light to moderate for the short to instances adequate offerings. The market tone on thigh meat was mostly steady. Demand light to moderate for the adequate offerings. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey was steady to fully steady for the moderate to good demand. Offerings short to adequate. Trading was heavy on fresh tom drums for export, moderate on tom necks and fresh tom breast meat for domestic shipments, balance slow. For domestic: fresh breast trim 121-124 mostly 123-124, fresh scapula 125-130, Grade A basted 8-10 lb. breasts 135 and 12-16 lb. breasts 165, plant grade basted 20-24 lb. breasts 170 cents delivered. For export: tom necks 28.25, fresh tom drums 39 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
					PRICE	
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	120.00	80	120.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	158.00	10	158.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	106.00	400	106.00	400
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	38.00-40.00		38.67	180	38.83	267
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	40.50		40.50	40	40.75	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	39.00	40		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00-23.00		22.67	60	21.20	143
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	23.00	20	23.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	39.00		39.00	30	39.00	110
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	110.40	100	110.40	100
NECKS, TOM	26.50-29.00		27.74	230	28.36	314
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	171.00	40		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	188.00-194.00		189.37	294	186.83	714
THIGH MEAT		F	70.00	40		
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	72.00-73.00		72.50	80	72.40	200
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	116.00	40	116.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	127.00		127.00	20	127.00	20
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	168.39	230		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	91.00	30		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	177.00-182.00		180.77	61	180.77	61
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	80	20.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	23.00-26.00		23.54	164	23.12	404
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	39.00-40.00		39.23	87	43.17	1,003
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.00		22.00	20	22.40	100
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	31.00	104	31.00	104
TAILS		F	37.00	80		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	20.00	120		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	68.00-70.00		68.25	105	67.59	249

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